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TITLE OF INVENTION CANAL FILLING METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROVIDING THE FILLING PRODUCT			
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 - b) Specification and Claims (9 pages)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Transmittal Letter entering the above-identified PCT application into its national phase for the United States. Prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

4. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the cartridge (5') is arranged in a removable pot (13).

7. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the insulated surface (17) forms a lid on the pot (13) and has a circular shoulder (19) which collaborates with a trigger (20) articulated to the body (7') to make it possible to lock/release the pot, possibly with its cartridge, and to completely close off the housing (14) when the pot is removed therefrom.

REMARKS

Prior to examination, entry of the foregoing rewritten claims to delete multiple dependencies and bring the claims into closer compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), is respectfully requested in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.115. Marked up versions of the rewritten claims are enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment, on a separate page, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). An early and favorable consideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED UP VERSIONS OF THE REWRITTEN CLAIMS

4. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim [either of claims] 2 [and 3], characterized in that the cartridge (5') is arranged in a removable pot (13).

7. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim [any of claims] 4 [to 6], characterized in that the insulated surface (17) forms a lid on the pot (13) and has a circular shoulder (19) which collaborates with a trigger (20) articulated to the body (7') to make it possible to lock/release the pot, possibly with its cartridge, and to completely close off the housing (14) when the pot is removed therefrom.

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CANAL FILLING METHOD AND DEVICE
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The present invention relates to the field of
5 obturation methods for filling the root canals of
teeth, and more specifically to the phase of actually
filling the canal in the tooth using a filling material
of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of
a paste which is introduced into the root canal using a
10 root-canal instrument known as a "condenser" comprising
a screw and arranged on a handpiece.

The present invention also relates to a device for
making filling material available and to a container
15 for containing the filling material.

Procedures for filling root canals are already known in
the prior art.

20 The prior art, for example, discloses a method which
consists in using instruments, the body of which is
made of plastic, and onto which the Gutta percha is
added. To perform the filling, the assembly is
introduced, after heating, into the canal, but the
25 major disadvantage with this method is that the plastic
body remains in the canal and causes considerable
inconvenience if the filling work performed
subsequently needs to be repeated.

30 The prior art also discloses the method which consists
in arranging the filling product on an instrument known
as a "condenser", which is in the form of a root-canal
instrument with a screw, for example a left-hand screw,
arranged on a handpiece so that the filling material
35 can be deposited or "condensed" into the canal by
rotating the instrument in the opposite direction to
the hand of the screw. To coat the instrument with
filling material, such as Gutta percha for example, the
Gutta percha is arranged in a syringe placed in a

heater and the plunger of the syringe is actuated, when the Gutta percha is ready, so as to deposit it onto the root-canal instrument positioned just at the outlet of the syringe. This method has two disadvantages: on the one hand it does not allow precise control over the amount of Gutta percha applied to the root-canal instrument and, on the other hand, as the amount of Gutta percha contained in the syringe is great, the dental practitioner is strongly tempted to treat several root canals belonging to different patients using the same syringe. In this latter case, there is a risk then that the practitioner will contaminate the second patient or patients with bacteria from the first patient or patients.

The present invention sets out to overcome the drawbacks of the prior art by proposing to present the filling material in the form of at least one dose arranged in a container of the cartridge type, each dose being an individual dose and corresponding roughly to the amount needed to treat and fill just one canal, the root-canal instrument being plunged, rotating or stationary, into one of said cartridges containing a dose of filling material, this making it possible for just the amount of filling material needed to carry out the operation of filling the root canal to be picked up on the walls of the root-canal instrument.

The procedure according to the invention therefore makes it possible to carry out the phase of actually filling the root canal of the tooth using just the amount of filling material needed, and under optimum hygiene conditions.

The device for making the filling material available according to the invention is notable in that it comprises means allowing at least one cartridge containing filling material in the form of a dose roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and

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fill one single canal to be brought up to and maintained at the desired temperature.

5 The filling material container of the cartridge type intended to allow the filling of root canals according to the invention is notable in that it contains at least one dose of filling material roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill one single canal. It can therefore be sold
10 independently or in large quantities, ready for use and disposable after use.

15 The invention will be better understood with the aid of the description given hereinafter of two embodiments of the invention which are given by way of nonlimiting examples with reference to the appended drawings in which:

20 - figure 1 illustrates a perspective view of the device according to the invention according to a first alternative form,

25 - figure 2 illustrates a phase of coating a root-canal instrument; and

- figure 3 illustrates an enlarged sectional view of a cartridge according to the invention, suited to the device of figure 1,

30 - figure 4 is a perspective view of a device according to the invention according to a second alternative form;

35 - figure 5 is a view in longitudinal section of the device in figure 4, on a different scale.

The method according to the invention is a method for the filling of root canals using a filling material (1) of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of

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a paste, which is introduced into the root canal using a root-canal instrument (2) known as a "condenser" comprising a screw and arranged on a handpiece (3).

5 The method is characterized in that said filling material (1) is in the form of a number of doses (4) each arranged in a cartridge (5), each dose (4) roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill one single canal.

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Thus, to deposit said filling material (1) on the root-canal instrument (2), the root-canal instrument (2) is plunged, rotating or stationary, into one of said cartridges (5) containing a dose (4) of filling
15 material (1) so as to pick up on its walls just the amount of filling material needed for the filling operation, as illustrated in figure 2.

To fill the root canal, all that is then required is
20 for the root-canal instrument (2) to be positioned correctly in the root canal and made to rotate in the opposite direction to the hand of the screw so as to fill the root canal with filling material (1).

25 It should be noted that, by virtue of the method according to the invention, it is not necessary to reverse the direction of rotation of the screw of the instrument in order to load it with filling material.

30 The present invention also relates to a device (6), illustrated in figure 1, for making available filling material (1) of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of a paste, which is introduced into the canal of a tooth using a root-canal instrument (2) known as a
35 "condenser" comprising a screw and arranged on a handpiece (3), characterized in that it comprises means allowing at least one cartridge (5) containing filling material (1) in the form of a dose (4) roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill

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one single canal to be brought up to and maintained at the desired temperature.

The device (6) may, for example, be in the form of a unit (7) comprising a number of recesses (8) in each of which a cartridge (5) may be positioned.

The means for raising at least one cartridge (5) to the desired temperature and maintaining it at that temperature may, for example, consist in the fact that said recess or recesses (8) are formed in a heat-conducting heating body (9) heated using a resistive electric element.

The device (6) may further comprise a switch (10) and an operating indicator (11).

The present invention also relates to a cartridge (5), illustrated in figure 3, intended to allow a root canal to be filled using a filling material (1), characterized in that it contains an individual dose (4) of filling material (1) roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill one single canal.

Said cartridge (5) is, for example, in the form of a hollow cylinder which has a bottom, and is made of plastic.

As a preference, said cartridges (5) are also equipped with means of sealed closure, of the stopper or thermally bonded seal type, for example, that can be opened just before the filling material is picked up.

Thus, the cartridges (5) of filling material (1) can be offered for sale ready for use and disposable, that is to say ready to be heated in the device (6) and able to be disposed of after the filling material they contain has been used.

Reference is now made to the device of figures 4 and 5.

The device with the general reference (6') essentially comprises a unit (7') equipped with the controls and
5 supplies which are usual for an electrical device (switches, on-off indicator light, timer, etc).

In this alternative form, the cartridge (5') is placed in a pot (13) comprising:

- 10 - a central housing (14) for accommodating the cartridge,
- a thermal mass (15),
- thermally insulated external surfaces - (16) around the body of the pot and (17) over the top
15 surface of said pot.

The thermal mass (15) is accessible towards the bottom of the pot and has a female cavity which accommodates a heating rod (18).

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The insulated surface (17) forms a lid on the pot (13). It has a circular shoulder (19) which collaborates with a trigger (20) articulated to the body (7') allowing the pot, possibly with its cartridge, to be locked
25 in/released from the device. The function of the trigger is to hold the pot in its housing and, when the latter is removed, to completely close off the housing to prevent dirt from entering the housing, as this would disturb the contact between the heating body and
30 the thermal mass of the pot. Furthermore, it prevents the risk of contact between fingers and the high-temperature heating body.

The thickness of the trigger is such that it can be
35 moved aside simply under the pressure of the pot held by hand by the user.

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The thermal inertia of the mass (15) allows the user to work leaving the device as it is and handling only the pot and the cartridge it contains.

- 5 The pot and its thermal mass may be sterilized, while the doses (cartridges) made be sold sterile.

This device is more flexible to use than the alternative form in figures 1 to 3.

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1. A method for applying to a root-canal instrument (2), known as a "condenser", comprising a screw and arranged on a handpiece (3), a filling material (1) of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of a paste intended to be introduced into the canal of a tooth using said root-canal instrument (2), characterized in that said filling material (1) is in the form of at least one dose (4) each arranged in a cartridge (5), each dose (4) roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill one single canal, the root-canal instrument (2) being plunged, rotating or stationary, into one of said cartridges (5) containing a dose (4) of filling material (1) so as to pick up on its walls just the amount of filling material needed.

2. A device (6, 6') for making available a filling material (1) of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of a paste, which is introduced into the canal of a tooth using a root-canal instrument (2) known as a "condenser" comprising a screw and arranged on a handpiece (3), characterized in that it comprises means allowing at least one cartridge (5, 5') containing filling material (1) in the form of a dose (4) roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill one single canal to be brought up to and maintained at the desired temperature.

3. The device (6, 6') as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that said means making it possible to bring at least one cartridge (5, 5') up to and maintain it at the desired temperature consists in at least one cavity (8, 14) in which a cartridge (5, 5') can be positioned, said cavity or cavities (8, 14) being formed in a heat-conducting heating body (9, 18) heated by means of a resistive electric element.

4. The device as claimed in either of claims 2 and 3, characterized in that the cartridge (5') is arranged in a removable pot (13).

5 5. The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the pot (13) essentially comprises:

- a central housing (14) for accommodating the cartridge,
- a thermal mass (15),
- 10 - thermally insulated external surfaces - (16) around the body of the pot and (17) over the top surface of said pot.

15 6. The device as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the thermal mass (15) is accessible towards the bottom of the pot and has a female cavity which accommodates a heating rod (18).

20 7. The device as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6, characterized in that the insulated surface (17) forms a lid on the pot (13) and has a circular shoulder (19) which collaborates with a trigger (20) articulated to the body (7') to make it possible to lock/release the pot, possibly with its cartridge, and to completely
25 close off the housing (14) when the pot is removed therefrom.

8. The device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the thickness of the trigger is such that it can
30 be moved aside simply under the pressure of the pot held by hand by the user.

9. A cartridge (5) intended to allow the method as claimed in claim 1 to be implemented, characterized in
35 that it is fitted with means of sealed closure guaranteeing its sterility.

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ABSTRACT

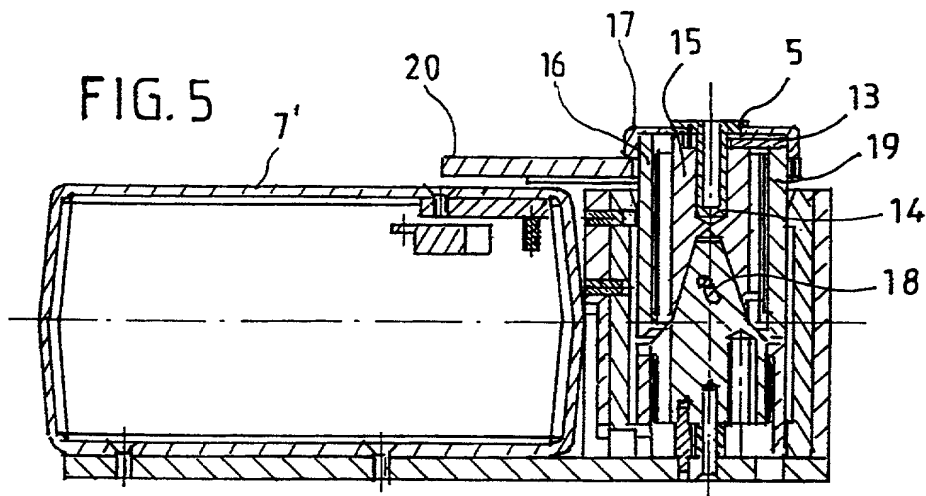
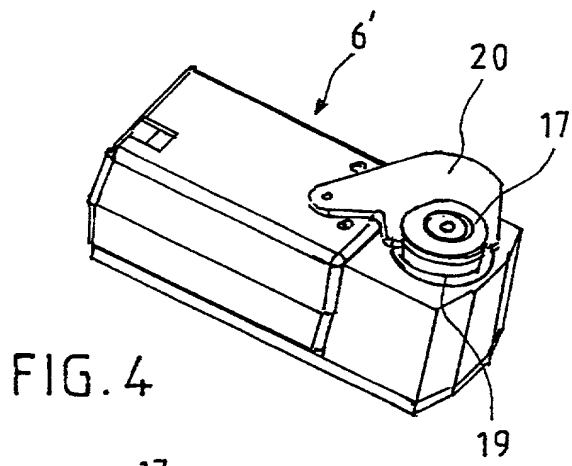
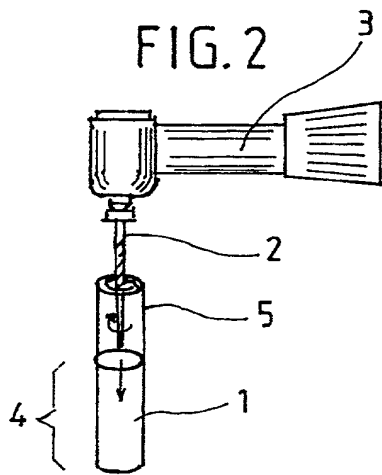
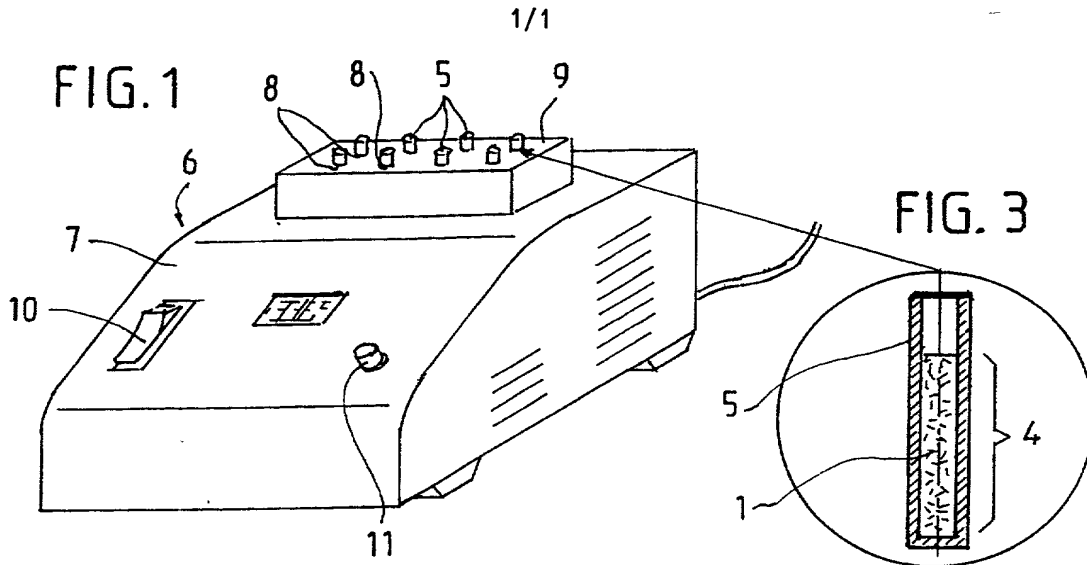
The present invention relates to a method for applying to a root-canal instrument (2), known as a "condenser", comprising a screw and arranged on a handpiece (3), a filling material (1) of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of a paste intended to be introduced into the canal of a tooth using said root-canal instrument (2), characterized in that said filling material (1) is in the form of at least one dose (4) each arranged in a cartridge (5), each dose (4) roughly corresponding to the amount needed for treating and filling one single canal, the root-canal instrument (2) being plunged, rotating or stationary, into one of said cartridges (5) containing a dose (4) of filling material (1) so as to pick up on its walls just the amount of filling material needed.

The invention also relates to a device (6, 6') for making available a filling material (1) of the Gutta percha or some other type, in the form of a paste, which is introduced into the canal of a tooth using a root-canal instrument (2) known as a "condenser" comprising a screw and arranged on a handpiece (3), characterized in that it comprises means allowing at least one cartridge (5, 5') containing filling material (1) in the form of a dose (4) roughly corresponding to the amount needed to treat and fill one single canal to be brought up to and maintained at the desired temperature.

The invention also relates to a cartridge intended for implementing the method according to the invention.

Figure for the abstract: figure 4

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Application No. _____
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